



VALLEY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Liturgy for
April 12, 2026

2 TIMOTHY

Valley Presbyterian Church exists to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for the public worship of God; by growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Christian education; and by sending God's people to go out into the world and love their neighbors and cities for the glory of God.

Service Time:

11:00 am

Location:

9200 Haskell Avenue | North Hills, CA 91343



Welcome to Valley Presbyterian Church!

We trust that you will experience the presence of Christ and the welcome of his people as you gather with us this morning. Below are a series of answers to questions that are often asked about our worship service. We hope that you will find them informative. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact our pastors directly at valleypresbyterian@gmail.com

Does your church have a statement of faith?

Yes! Valley Presbyterian Church is part of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), and as a part of the PCA we subscribe to a document called the Westminster Standards. This document consists of the Westminster Confession of Faith, and two Catechisms (the Larger and Shorter Catechisms) which are meant to be helpful teaching tools for the people of God. The Westminster Standards can be found online, but the basics of what we believe can be found in your bulletin. We confess these basics every week when we recite the Nicene Creed, which has been a summary of the Christian faith for over 1,500 years!

Why is your worship so liturgical?

Believe it or not, every church is liturgical. Some liturgies consist of three songs, announcements, a 50-minute sermon, etc. Those liturgies tend to reflect many Christian churches in North America. Our worship service is ordered the way that it is because it is a reflection of how God has met with his people throughout the history of the world. Here's a breakdown of why we do what we do:

God Gathers His People

At the appointed time, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ gathers for worship, recognizing that God Himself has brought together His people.

We Come to God by Faith

In continued response to God's call to worship, we offer our first prayer to God. This prayer also reflects our adoration and affection for God, acknowledging Him as our Creator and Redeemer.

God Reshapes the Hearts and Lives of His People

God once again addresses us directly through His holy Word. As we are faced with God's perfect holiness, there is only one appropriate response—the confession of our sin. Having heard God's Law and having confessed our sins, what we need most is to have the gospel of Jesus Christ proclaimed to us! It is here that God assures us of His forgiveness and Fatherly love toward us!

God Uses His People in His Service

We now enter into a time of intercessory prayer, both for Christ's church and the world. The Kingdom of God is built through the prayers of the church, so we pray because we are given this privilege as His servant-people. In grateful response to all of God's gifts to us, we offer a token of appreciation to Him. Our financial gifts to God are the confession of our stewardship.

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

The preaching of the Word is the primary way God addresses sinners to receive salvation and to grow in it. Thus, in preaching, God continues to speak to us with the love of Jesus.

God Renews His Covenant with Us

The reading and the preaching of the Word is when God audibly speaks His gospel to us, then the administration of the sacraments is when God visibly shows His gospel to us. The Lord's Supper is God visibly communing with us at His table.

God Sends His People Out with His Blessing

Just as God initiated worship, so now God concludes worship with His benediction, His "good word." In the benediction, God, through the Pastor, blesses His beloved people. We can all objectively say after

worship that we were blessed. As it is not a prayer, but a pronouncement, we lift up our faces to the Lord as He blesses us, for His face shines upon us and His grace and peace are ours forevermore.

Why is there so much Scripture reading in your worship service?

The Bible is central in our worship service because we believe the Bible is God's word, and we need to hear from God when we gather together. One of Jesus' apostles, Paul, wrote, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, and to teaching." (1 Tim. 4:13) It is through God's word that faith is created in our hearts (Rom. 10:17), and we are made holy (John 17:17).

Why do you take communion most Sundays?

Communion is a Holy Sacrament of the Church (along with Baptism). The word Sacrament is a translation of a Greek word which means "mystery." Baptism and Communion are the "mysteries" of the church, because through them God works powerfully through his Word and Spirit nourishing our faith with Christ and all his benefits. Holy Communion is not an empty ritual, or a mere "remembrance" of Jesus' death, it is fellowship with the risen Christ. In Holy Communion, Jesus and all of his gifts are offered to the faithful.

Communion Information

We are serving both juice and wine as we partake of the Lord's Supper together. Both juice and wine serve as appropriate elements of communion as both fit the biblical requirement of being fruit of the vine. If you have never been baptized, or if you are not a

Christian, please abstain from taking Communion. If you'd like to take Communion, or to be baptized, speak to either of the Pastors, or to one of the Elders. We would be happy to assist you in taking steps toward Baptism, or your first Communion.

Communion is for baptized, repentant, and believing Christians. Let us come to Christ's table together rejoicing in our salvation!

Why do you baptize babies?

We baptize the children of believing parents because it is in line with the teaching of Scripture. We don't baptize babies because it's a nice tradition, or because it's what the universal church practiced up until the time of the Reformation. In the Bible, the children of believers are always treated as holy members of God's church by virtue of God's promises (1 Cor. 7:14). In the Old Testament, God commanded that the sign of membership in God's visible church be given to infants who didn't yet have faith (Gen.17:12). This principle still stands with the New Testament sign of Baptism (Acts 2:39; 16:15.)

Why is worship led by Pastors and Elders?

Pastors and Elders are those whom Christ has gifted and have been set apart by ordination by the Presbytery or congregation to be God's representatives and under shepherds of the Lord Jesus Christ. We don't submit to God's Word because it comes from charismatic teachers, or funny communicators; we submit to it because it comes from those who have been set apart for the office of elder to speak the truth in love that we may grow more and more into the image of Christ.



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Prelude Pastor's
Welcome

Ben
Mason
Pastor Ron Svendsen

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Call to
Worship +

Hymn of
Praise #38 +

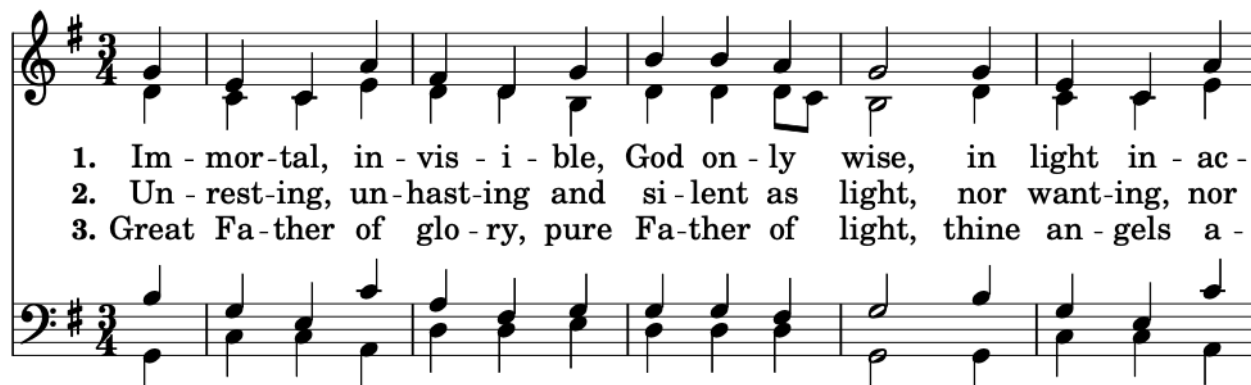
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious thy great name we praise.

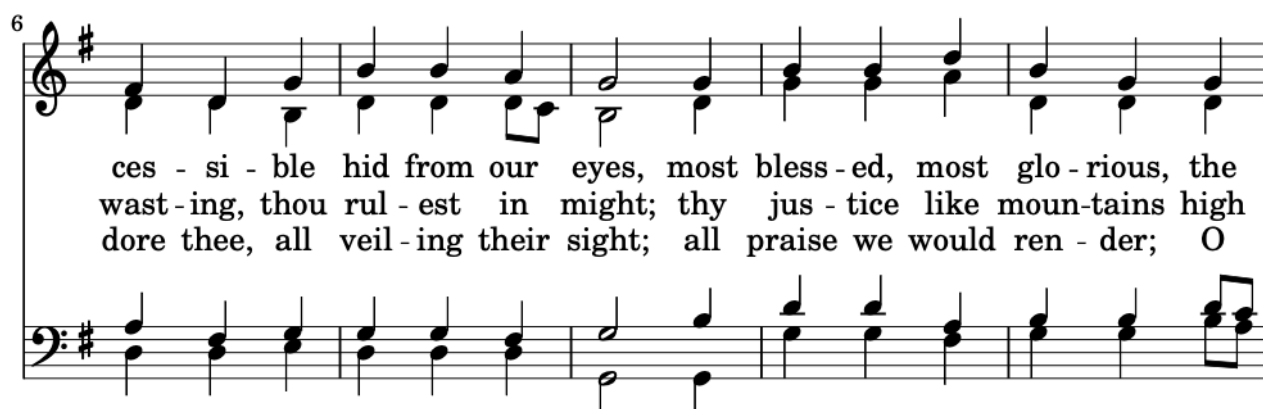
Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

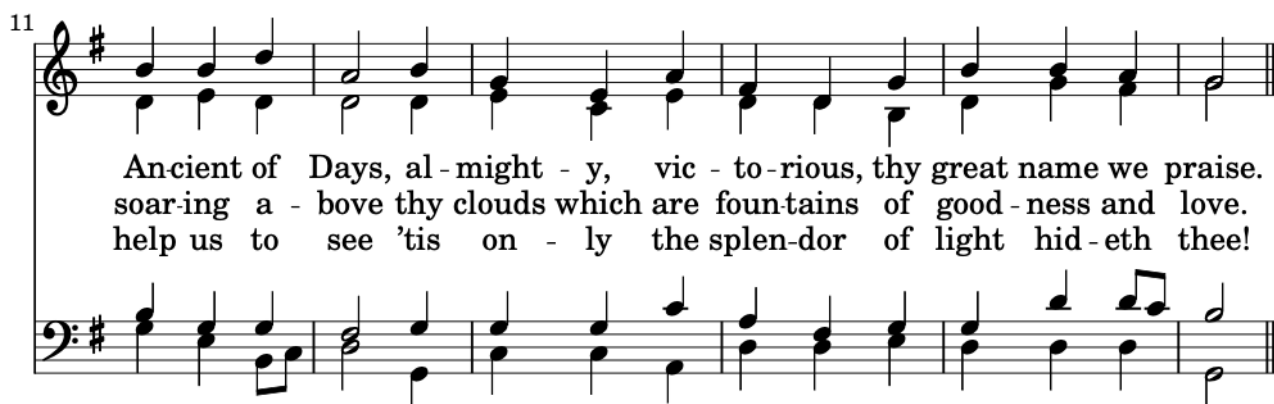
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



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 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light, nor want - ing, nor
 3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light, thine an - gels a -



ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the
 wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; thy jus - tice like moun - tains high
 dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; all praise we would ren - der; O



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 Ancient of Days, al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 soar - ing a - bove thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 help us to see 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

WE COME TO GOD BY FAITH

Invocation
 & Prayer
 of Adoration +

Salutation +

Confession of Faith + **The Apostles' Creed**

Pastor: People of God, what do you believe?

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*(*catholic meaning worldwide not Roman Catholic)*

The Heidelberg Catechism, Questions 34-39

Pastor: Why do you call him “our Lord”?

People: Because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

Pastor: What does it mean that he “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

People: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David’s true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Pastor: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

People: He is our mediator and, in God’s sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

Pastor: What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

People: That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Pastor: Why did he suffer “under Pontius Pilate” as judge?

People: So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by an earthly judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.

Pastor: Is it significant that he was “crucified” instead of dying some other way?

People: Yes. By this I am convinced that he shouldered the curse which lay on me, since death by crucifixion was cursed by God.

Gloria Patri
#734 +

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

GOD RESHAPES THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF HIS PEOPLE

Call to Confession

Elder Edgar Figueroa

Through Confessing
Our Sins Privately

Assurance of Pardon

Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.

What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.

Who holds our days within His hand?

What comes, apart from His command?

And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ in which we stand.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

Where is his grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise?

Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore the rock of Christ?

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death.

Unto the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, he lives; Christ, he lives!"

And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with him.

There we will rise to meet the Lord,

Then sin and death will be destroyed,

And we will feast in endless joy, when Christ is ours forevermore.

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess

Christ, our hope in life and death.

CHRIST, OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is good.
 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - long.
 Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's blood.
 And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
 Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a -
 There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and



part from His com-mand? And what will keep us to the end?
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The love of Christ, in which we stand.
 un - to the shore, the rock of Christ? O sing hal - le - lu - jah!
 when Christ is ours for ev - er - more.



Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and



ev - er we con - fess Christ, our hope in life and death.

Through the Reading
of Scripture

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 1:1-18

New Testament Reading: Revelation 13:1-10

GOD USES HIS PEOPLE IN HIS SERVICE

As We Pray
for Our World

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

As We Give to God's
Work Throughout
the World

GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:13-2:7

Message

"Four Imperatives for a Faithful Church
Svendsen

Pastor Ron

GOD RENEWS HIS COVENANT WITH US

Psalm of
Response
Hymn #59 +

Forever Settled in the Heavens (Psalm 119, The Psalter 1912)

Forever settled in the heav'ns,
Thy word, O Lord, shall firmly stand;
Thy faithfulness shall never fail;
The earth abides at thy command.

Thy word and works unmoved remain,
Thine ev'ry purpose to fulfil;
All things are thine and thee obey,
And all as servants wait thy will.

I should have perished in my woe
Had not I loved thy law divine;
That law I never can forget;
O save me, Lord, for I am thine.

The wicked would destroy my soul,
But in thy truth is refuge sure;
Exceeding broad is thy command,
And in perfection shall endure.

Forever Settled in the Heavens

Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Ps. 119:89

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Communion

Passing of the
Peace +

GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

Song of
Response +

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path.
For my love is often cold, He must hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost, His promises shall last.
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast.
Till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last.
He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

God's
Benediction

Postlude

Community Groups

We grow together in our faith, not just on Sunday mornings but by gathering to share meals, talk about the Bible, and pray with each other. Check out one of our community groups nearest to you! (VPC Community Groups meet 1st & 3rd Sundays Sept—May)

Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena

6:00pm

Leader: Pastor Ron Svendsen

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Proverbs

North Hills

2nd Sunday at 3:30pm

Leader: Elder Jaime Garcia

Contact: 818-631-0408

Topic: Westminster Confession of Faith

Northridge

Sunday at 7:00pm/monthly

Leaders: Elders Bruce Mateko & Larry Shaw

Contact: 818-886-1233

Topic: *Pray Big* by Alistair Begg

Santa Clarita

2nd & 4th Sundays at 5:00pm

Leader: Pastor Ron Svendsen

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Proverbs

Valencia/Santa Clarita

Sunday at 2:00pm

Leaders: Elders Jesse Cook & Edgar Figueroa

Contact: 818-894-9200

Topic: Redemptive-Historical Study of the Psalms

West Hills

Sunday at 6:30/monthly

Leaders: Nathan Maack (assisting Elder John Martinez)

Contact: (917) 916-7550

Topic: Acts

Sunday Morning Sunday School & Worship

Adult & Children's Sunday School

Prayer at 9:40am.

Sunday School at 10:00-10:45am. Classes are held for both our children (ages 3 and above) and adults each week. For more information see below:

Adult:

Study on Reformed Theology | Downstairs Fellowship Room

Basic Beliefs | Pastor's Office

Children's Sunday School | Brewer Hall

Pre-K-1st Grade, Patty Reyes

Show Me Jesus: Jesus is God's Son

2nd-4th Grade, Sue Colunga

Show Me Jesus: Loving Jesus

5th-6th Grade, Grant Gates

G2R: Exodus to Ruth

7th-8th Grade, John Martinez

Westminster Shorter Catechism

9th-12th Grade, Jesse Cook

Consequence of Ideas

Post-Worship Fellowship & Snack

Refreshments and fellowship on the North Patio.

Children are Welcome in Worship | Nursery Available

As part of the covenant family of God, we encourage you to keep your children with you in worship regardless of their age, so that they may follow your example in worshipping God. Don't worry if your children are a bit restless or noisy. However, if your child needs an alternate location, please use the Fellowship Room right off the Narthex.

The nursery is open, and wonderful volunteers are ready to watch your little ones during the church service. Please visit the nursery for more information!

Prayer & Praise

Please be in prayer for the Yoder family as Steve was hospitalized with a heart problem.

Mid-Week Gathering | TBD

Join us on select Wednesdays at 7pm in the VPC Fellowship Room as we discuss *Dust to Glory* by R.C. Sproul.

Serving at VPC

Weekly Communion Set-Up

We need more volunteers to help prepare and cleanup the weekly Communion elements. If interested, please see Nathan Maack for more information.

Music Ministry & Audio & Visual Team

We are looking for singers and instrumentalists who are interested in serving on the music team. Additional volunteers to run sound for the service and capture video for the livestream are needed. Training is provided. If willing to serve, please email Ben Mason at info@benmasonmusic.com.

Ushers & Parking Lot Security Volunteers

Please contact Ed Arreaga at earreaga@verizon.net for more information.

Meal Ministry

If you, or anyone you know at VPC is in a difficult season where meals would be helpful, please reach out to the Deacons or directly to Theresa Martinez (jtmarz06@gmail.com), to set up a meal train so we may serve you.

Nursery Volunteers

Please consider serving in the nursery! We need more adult volunteers and helpers to add to our rotating nursery schedule. Please reach out to Jess Herr if you have any questions

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Connecting at VPC

If you are a new or recent visitor to Valley Presbyterian Church, please email the church at valleypresbyterian@gmail.com so that we may add you to the VPC email list to keep you in the loop with the latest church news.

Women in the Word | Tuesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm

We meet in the VPC Fellowship room on Tuesday mornings. Please join us for a time in God's word and prayer as we enjoy coffee, refreshment, friendship, and wonderful conversations. No childcare is provided. We are continuing in Tim Keller's book *Romans 1-7*.

Women's Tuesday Evening Book Study | TBA

Please join us at the Martinez home for a time of discussion and encouragement around God's Word as we read the book *Echoes of Exodus: Tracing Themes of Redemption through Scripture* by Alistair J. Roberts and Andrew Wilson. Contact Theresa Martinez at jtmarz06@gmail.com for more information and the address.

Basic Beliefs | Meeting in Pastor's Office on Sunday Mornings, Resumed Today

This class is for those interested in a personal relationship with God, exploring the distinctives of the Reformed faith, or membership at VPC. Attending does not obligate you to join the church, but you do need to attend if you desire to become a member of VPC. Let Pastor Ron or the church office (valleypresbyterian@gmail.com) know if you are interested!

-If you need assistance, please ask an usher-



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for the Glory of God**

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